

<h1 style="margin: 0;">CRUISE SUMMARY REPORT</h1>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small; margin: 0;">FOR COLLATING CENTRE USE</p> <p>Centre: <b><u>DOD</u></b> Ref. No.: _____</p> <p>Is data exchange <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In part <input type="checkbox"/> No restricted</p>
<p><b>SHIP</b> enter the full name and international radio call sign of the ship from which the data were collected, and indicate the type of ship, for example, research ship; ship of opportunity, naval survey vessel; etc.</p> <p><b>Name:</b> <b>Alkor</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Call Sign:</b> <b>DBND</b></span></p> <p><b>Type of ship:</b> <b>Research Vessel</b></p>	
<p><b>CRUISE NO. / NAME</b> <b>AL483</b> <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">enter the unique number, name or acronym assigned to the cruise (or cruise leg, if appropriate).</span></p>	
<p><b>CRUISE PERIOD</b> start <b>06/08/2016</b> to <b>25/08/2016</b> end (set sail) day/ month/ year day/ month/ year (return to port)</p> <p><b>PORT OF DEPARTURE</b> (enter name and country) <b>Rostock</b></p> <p><b>PORT OF RETURN</b> (enter name and country) <b>Rostock</b></p>	
<p><b>RESPONSIBLE LABORATORY</b> enter name and address of the laboratory responsible for coordinating the scientific planning of the cruise</p> <p><b>Name:</b> <b>Leibniz-Institut für Ostseeforschung Warnemünde (IOW)</b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> <b>Seestrasse 15, 18119 Rostock</b></p> <p><b>Country:</b> <b>Germany</b></p>	
<p><b>CHIEF SCIENTIST(S)</b> enter name and laboratory of the person(s) in charge of the scientific work (chief of mission) during the cruise.</p> <p><b>Oliver Schmale</b></p>	
<p><b>OBJECTIVES AND BRIEF NARRATIVE OF CRUISE</b> enter sufficient information about the purpose and nature of the cruise so as to provide the context in which the report data were collected.</p> <p><b>Methane is a known greenhouse gas that severely enhances climate change on earth, yet not all methane sources into atmosphere have been identified. A process that might be of importance is the production of methane by microorganisms within the anoxic guts of certain zooplankton species. This production takes place in the upper oxygenated water column and thus could have a direct impact on the methane flux between ocean and atmosphere. We hypothesize that highly productive regions like marginal seas, which have never been studied in detail in this context before, are areas of enhanced zooplankton-mediated methane production, which most probably causes the subthermocline methane anomaly that have been sporadically identified in the oxygenated water column of the Baltic Sea. On the proposed cruise we will combine methane chemistry, microbiology, and zooplanktology in a multidisciplinary approach to investigate zooplankton and particle-related methanogenesis in detail using the Baltic Sea as a model system. We plan to investigate the following key questions: (1) Is the subthermocline methane anomaly a widespread phenomenon in the Baltic Sea? (2) Does zooplankton have the potential to support the methane anomaly in the shallow water and how are copepod species and environmental factors like food composition influencing methane production? (3) Which microbes are involved in upper-water methane production and can we detect differences in methanogenic assemblages and their activities between copepod guts, fecal pellets, and other water column seston particles?</b></p>	
<p><b>PROJECT (IF APPLICABLE)</b> if the cruise is designated as part of a larger scale cooperative project (or expedition), then enter the name of the project, and of organisation responsible for co-ordinating the project.</p> <p><b>Project name:</b> <b>Zooplankton assoziierte Methanproduktion (ZOOM)</b></p> <p><b>Coordinating body:</b> <b>IOW, Oliver Schmale</b></p>	

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## MOORINGS, BOTTOM MOUNTED GEAR AND DRIFTING SYSTEMS

This section should be used for reporting moorings, bottom mounted gear and drifting systems (both surface and deep) deployed and/or recovered during the cruise. Separate entries should be made for each location (only deployment positions need be given for drifting systems). This section may also be used to report data collected at fixed locations which are returned to routinely in order to construct 'long time series'.

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**TRACK CHART:** You are strongly encouraged to submit, with the completed report, an annotated track chart illustrating the route followed and the points where measurements were taken.

Insert a tick(✓) in this box if a track chart is supplied



**GENERAL OCEAN AREA(S):** Enter the names of the oceans and/or seas in which data were collected during the cruise – please use commonly recognised names (see, for example, International Hydrographic Bureau Special Publication No. 23, 'Limits of Oceans and Seas').

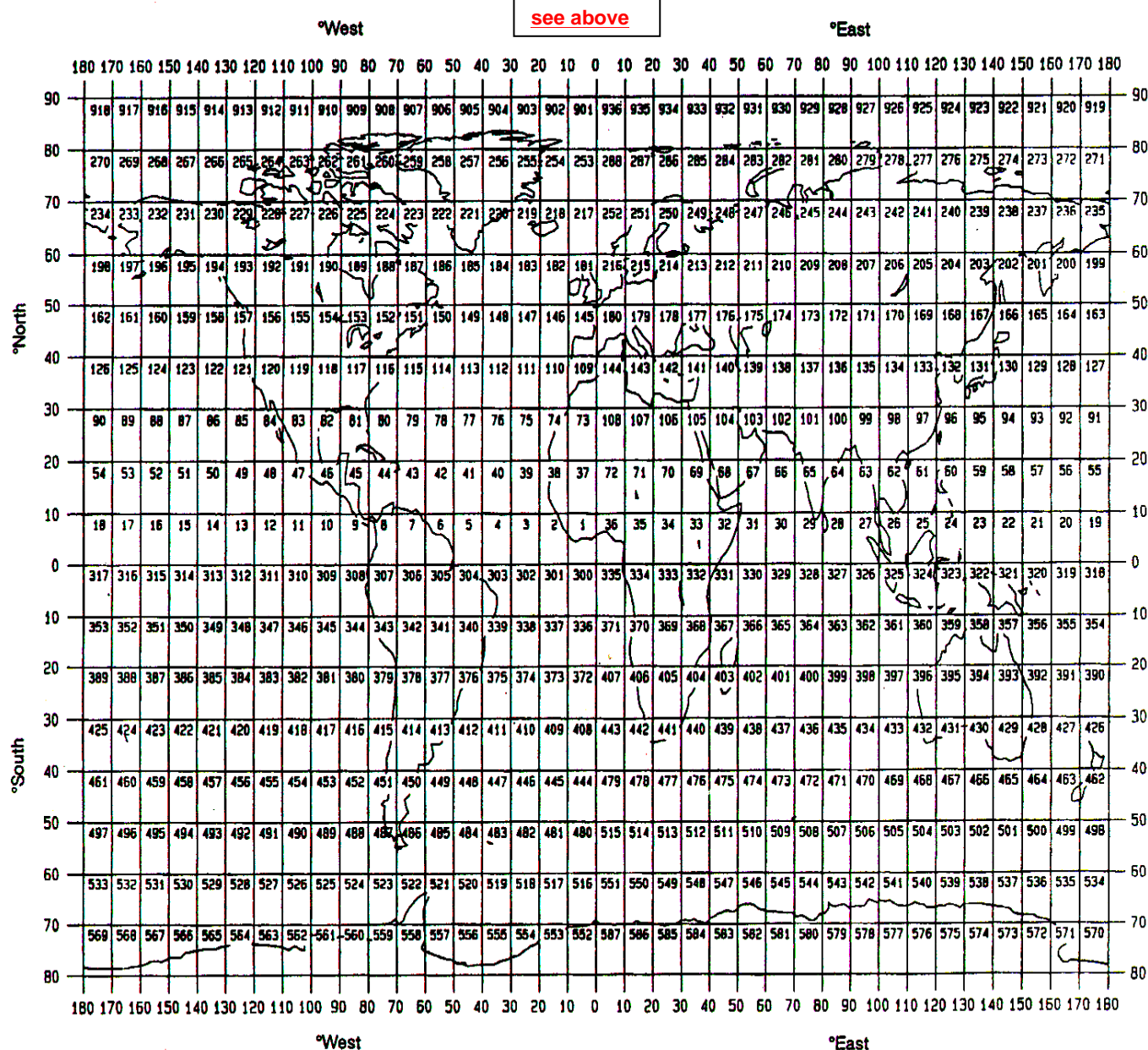
Central Baltic Sea

**SPECIFIC AREAS:** If the cruise activities were concentrated in a specific area(s) of an ocean or sea, then enter a description of the area(s). Such descriptions may include references to local geographic areas, to sea floor features, or to geographic coordinates.

Please insert here the number of each square in which data were collected from the below given chart

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### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE - INSERT 'X' IN EACH SQUARE IN WHICH DATA WERE COLLECTED



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

Please send your completed report without delay to the collating centre indicated on the cover page



